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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Oakland – FBI Joins Law Enforcement Effort to Curb Crime in Oakland's Chinatown

(U) The FBI announced that it would assist municipal agencies in the fight to crack down on crime in Oakland's Chinatown area. After a spike in criminal activity over the past year, particularly in assaults and robberies targeting older Asian residents, Oakland's police chief, federal authorities, and other Bay area leaders announced a joint effort to curb crime in Chinatown. Authorities advised more uniformed officers would be on the streets with new training programs and stricter punishments for the perpetrators of street crimes.

SOURCE: 26 July 2021, CBS San Francisco

(U) Ventura County – Suspect Arrested for Firing Shots at Ventura County Firehawk Helicopter

(U) Authorities arrested a suspect on multiple charges, including attempted murder, after he fired a gun at a Ventura County Firehawk helicopter. The fire crew had been conducting training operation in the Lake Casita area when they became aware of gunfire directed at them. The pilot took evasive action and identified a suspect vehicle speeding away, and followed briefly. The suspect then stopped the car and fired more shots at the helicopter, then fled to avoid being arrested. The suspect was later apprehended and the handgun recovered.

SOURCE: 26 July 2021, CBS Los Angeles

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas – Big Bend Border Agents Stop Human Smuggling Attempt in Alpine

(U) Alpine – US Border Patrol agents and a K-9 assigned to the checkpoint stopped a human smuggling attempt in Alpine. While conducting a K-9 search on a suspicious vehicle, agents discovered 16 illegal migrants hiding under wood panels covering the back of a truck. Agents advised the driver of the truck and all the people hiding in the back were citizens of Brazil and Mexico. The illegal migrants have been turned over for processing and deportation. Area agents have seen a rise in human smuggling attempts this year including four times as many deaths as last year.

SOURCE: 26 July 2021, Your Basin News

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – ICE seizes 302 Illegal Immigrant Sex Offenders in National Operation

(U) Washington – Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has arrested 302 illegal immigrant sex offenders since June as part of an ongoing nationwide enforcement effort to arrest and deport those convicted of sex crimes. ICE has seen its enforcement priorities narrowed by new guidance issued in February, with current guidelines focusing agents on arresting recent border crossers, aggravated felons and those posing a threat to national security. The new rules allow the agency to focus its limited resources on seizing the most dangerous threats to the country.

SOURCE: 26 July 2021, Fox News

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(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Afghanistan – 35 Taliban Militants Killed in Afghan Airstrikes

(U) Kabul – Airstrikes in the Afghan provinces of Helmand and Badakhshan provinces killed more than 35 Taliban militants amid the escalating violence in the war-torn country. Fighter jets targeted Taliban hideouts and positions in parts of Helmands's Nad Ali and Sangin districts. A weapon cache of the militant group was also destroyed during the attacks. Another target was hit in Badakhshan province. Fighting has intensified in Afghanistan since early May when the US-led coalition forces began withdrawal.

SOURCE: 26 July 2021, Orissa Post

(U) Maldives – ISIS Sympathizers Behind Attempt on Ex-Maldives Leader

(U) Baghdad – A Maldives group that sympathizes with the Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) carried out an assassination attempt in May on former President Mohamed Nasheed. The suspected ringleader was arrested after having been previously arrested in 2017 for allegedly making a bomb in an apartment and was prosecuted. Nasheed was injured in the blast outside his home from a homemade bomb that was planted in a parked motorbike and detonated by remote control. Nasheed underwent multiple surgeries after the attack and recovered from his injuries.

SOURCE: 26 July 2021, The Star

(U) Mali – United Nations Advises Five Peacekeepers Injured in Attack in Northern Mali

(U) Aguelhok – An attack using an improvised explosive device injured five United Nations (UN) peacekeepers in northern Mali. A quick reaction force was immediately sent to the site in Aguelhok with the wounded being taken to a regional hospital. No other details were immediately available. The attack came a day after the UN peacekeeping missions camp in Aguelhok experienced indirect fire. Mali has been trying to contain an Islamic extremist insurgency since 2012.

SOURCE: 27 July 2021, News 18

(U) Somalia – Army Kills 15 Al-Shabaab Terrorists in Central Region

(U) Mogadishu – Officials from the Somali National Army killed 15 insurgents from the terrorist group al-Shabaab in a security operation the central Hiran region. The commander leading the operation advised that military forces have intensified operations against the terror organization in recent days, but the terrorist are still hiding in the rural areas conducting ambushes and planting landmines. SOURCE: 27 July 2021, Times of India

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